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Village Newsletter

Spring 2004

Finance Director Owens Elected Chair of IPBC



Village of Westmont Finance Director Bonnie Owens, pictured left, was recently elected as the chair of the Inter-governmental Personnel

Benefit Cooperative (IPBC). The IPBC is an insurance cooperative of 42 municipalities in DuPage, Will, and Lake Counties. The Village of Westmont was a co-founder of this organization in 1980. The goal of the cooperative is to achieve better purchasing power in the insurance marketplace for participating communities.

"To be voted into this position by your peers is an honor," says IPBC Senior VP Gregg Aleman. "Bonnie votes independently and is a good, moderate voice - she brings balance to the cooperative."

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Park Board Honored for 100 Years of Service

Members of the Westmont Park Board were recently honored for their long-time service to the community. Special recognition awards were presented at the annual conference for the Illinois Association of Park Districts. Honored were Bob Bernas, serving 31 years since 1973; Diane Main serving 25 years since 1979; Sandra Smith, serving 23 years since 1981; and Jim Long, serving 21 years since 1983. This group represents 100 years of combined service to the community.

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L-R: Park Board Directors Jim Long, Diane Main, Sandra Smith, Bob Bernas, Mayor Bill Rahn

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Village Website
www.westmont.il.us

We appreciate your
feedback. Please forward
your newsletter suggestions
to Larry McIntyre
at (630) 960-4710.

Website Updates Special Events Info

Check out the new
Special Events link on
the Westmont website at
www.westmont.il.gov.

The link features
information regarding
the 2004 Community
Special Events Calendar,
the Promote Westmont
Commission, and the
new Westmont Special
Events Corporation
(WSEC). If you ever
want to find out
"what's happening"
in Westmont, try the
Westmont web.

CABLE TV PROGRAMS TO AIR IN APRIL

The Village of Westmont Communications Commission has sponsored the production for several community video productions that will air on cable ch. 16. Programs will feature the Maercker School Open House and the Health Core Aerobics Challenge event. Also, two Westmont High School basketball games are scheduled to play on Saturdays and Sundays in April. The girls games will air at noon and 6 p.m., and the boys will air at 2 and 8 p.m.

For more info regarding the Westmont Website and the cable ch. 16 Bulletin Board, contact Larry McIntyre at media@westmont.il.gov or at (630) 960-4710.

Public Info Committee Brings Community Orgs Together

The Village has created a new committee to assist in fostering better communication between the Village, community organizations, and the public. Working together, local groups and the Public Information Committee can ensure good communication with residents regarding community events, programs and services.

The first meeting of the PIC included representation from Westmont public agencies, community taxing bodies, service clubs, and veteran's groups. Information was passed out regarding ways in which local organizations can promote their events and activities with the Village of Westmont. The next PIC meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 3, 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 31 W. Quincy Street.

If you would like further information regarding the Public Information Committee or have an organization that you would like to have represented with the PIC, please contact Larry McIntyre at (630) 960-4710 or media@westmont.il.gov.



Clerk's Office to Accept Credit Cards Beginning May 1

The Village of Westmont recently announced that the Clerk's office will begin accepting bill payments with credit cards. The Village will accept payment via VISA and Master Card. Charge cards will be allowed for all Clerk's office payments including water bills, licenses, and various Village fees.

In addition, residents will be able to make e-payments via the internet. Initially, e-payments will be made available for water and garbage bill payments only. Complete information regarding this new program will be published in the May edition of the Village Newsletter. **For more information, contact the Clerk's Office at (630) 829-4400.**

Economic Development Department Update

Economic Development Director Fred Kimble has relayed much interest from more than a dozen development and architectural firms that want to pursue redevelopment opportunities in Westmont.

The challenges of economic development in a land-locked, suburban community are substantial because redevelopment often involves negotiation with several different property owners to assemble land parcels of sufficient size to accommodate desirable projects. Kimble has been working with the Village Board, staff, developers, property owners and the public to create redevelopment projects that enhance our community.

Part of our community economic development strategy is to encourage downtown developments that involve mixed use, multi-story, masonry construction projects with retail and commercial occupancy at street level and upper floor residences. This is in concert with the Village Board’s sound philosophy of community development. By continuing to encourage this type of development, more people will live within walking distance of our Metra Station and will frequent the restaurants and shops in our Downtown Business District.

For more information regarding the Westmont Economic Development Dept., call (630) 512-8571.

Weiss Named Firefighter of the Year

Deputy Fire Chief David Weiss was recently named Firefighter of the Year at a Village Board Meeting. The award recipient is chosen annually by fire personnel peers. Weiss has been with the Village for six years and is credited with assisting the Department in earning national accreditation. Weiss also authored an application that resulted in the Village receiving a Governor’s Home Town Award. The Village congratulates Dave for his dedication and service to the community.



LEFT: David Weiss is congratulated by Mayor Rahn.
BELOW: Weiss, center, stands with family and friends.



Brush Pickup

The Village of Westmont provides free brush pickup for Westmont residents. Brush should be cut to four-foot lengths and either stacked neatly on the parkway with the thick ends closest to the street, or in medium-sized bundles tied with rope or string. Do not use wire. Logs not exceeding six inches in diameter and under three feet in length will also be picked up. **Stumps, leaves, grass, lawn clippings, and building materials are examples of items that will not be picked up by the brush pickup program. Brush should be placed on the parkway in front of your residence on the Monday morning of the week that your section is scheduled for pickup.** During scheduled pickup weeks on which Mondays are an observed Village holiday, brush pickup will begin the next business day. Brush on the parkway at times other than during your scheduled pickup week will be considered litter and is subject to fine. **There will be no special pickups.** The brush pickup schedule is listed above. Please call the Street Dept. at (630) 829-4470 for more info.

Northwest Quadrant April 26, May 24, June 28, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 8	Cass Avenue	Northeast Quadrant April 19, May 17, June 21, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 8
BNSF Railroad Tracks		
Southwest Quadrant April 5, May 3, June 7, Sept. 7, Oct. 4, Nov. 1		Southeast Quadrant April 12, May 10, June 14, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 1

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE
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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS IN 2004

The Westmont Police would like to remind residents of two new motor vehicle law changes that went into effect Jan. 1. Only one passenger under the age of 20 is permitted to ride along with a new drivers who have either received their license within the last six months or are under the age 18, whichever comes first. This is unless the additional passenger(s) is a sibling, step-sibling, child or step-child of the driver. These restrictions reduce the likelihood of new teen drivers from being distracted by a car full of teen passengers.

For additional information on the Illinois Graduated Driver Licensing system, please visit the Illinois Secretary of State website at www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

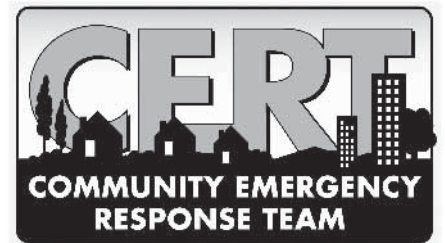
Another new law requires children under age 8 to be secured in an appropriate restraint system. Typically, a booster seat is the applicable child safety seat for this extended age range. The law also allows children over 40 pounds to be secured in the back seat with a lap belt (without a booster seat) only if a shoulder/lap combination is not available in that vehicle. For additional child passenger safety information, visit the Illinois Secretary of State website at www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Overnight Parking Violations

The fine for overnight parking violations has been raised to \$20.00 per violation. Also, permission for overnight parking will be restricted to only seven nights for each six-month calendar year period. Special requests for permission due to exceptional circumstances will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Some examples would be a new driveway or sidewalk was put in, a driveway was sealed, etc. Any vehicles parked on a village street without permission will be ticketed. As always overnight parking permission will be denied throughout the village in the event of a 2" or greater snowfall. For more information, contact the Westmont Police Department at (630) 968-2151.

CERT Program Receives \$20,000 Grant From State

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) through the Illinois Terrorism Task Force awarded the Village of Westmont a \$20,000 grant for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training Program. The CERT program trains people in basic disaster response skills such as fire suppression, search and rescue, CPR, first aid and more. The program helps people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in the community. When emergencies occur, CERT members can give critical support to our professional emergency services as well as provide immediate assistance to victims. The CERT program is a ten-week course that is offered free of charge to citizens who live and/or work in the Village of Westmont. For more info, contact the Police Dept. at (630) 968-2151.



New Jr. Citizens Police Academy Begins March 26

The Westmont Police Department has announced a new training program for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. The first-ever Westmont Police Department Junior Citizens Police Academy begins March 26 and will commence in a graduation ceremony at the Police Department's Open House event in May. The Jr. CPA will meet on Fridays 6:30-9 p.m. Classes will be held at the Police Station, 500 N. Cass Avenue. Students must have their own transportation to and from the class. Students will learn about various Police Department equipment such as the 9-1-1 communications center, Police squad car cameras, computers, and radar units. The Jr. Cadets will learn about crime scene processing, evidence gathering, the K-9 unit, as well as witness SWAT demonstrations. They will also learn about juvenile law. Students must be in grades 6-8, live in Westmont or attend a school in Westmont, and have minor or no prior Police contacts. Applications are available at the Westmont Village Hall or the Police Department. Applicants will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you would like more information, please contact Deputy Chief Tom Mulhearn or Detective Jim Schlicher at the Police Department at (630) 968-2235.

Zinther Named Training Officer

David Zinther was recently named the Fire Department's Training Officer. During his five-year tenure, Zinther has been an outstanding educational resource for the Fire Department. In a part-time role, he commits up to 18 hours per week in his capacity as Training/Safety Officer.

To further his experience and expertise, Zinther attends Division 10 Training Officers meetings and classes, spends several night and weekend hours at the Westmont Fire Department and outside agencies to train with other fire service personnel, and attends conferences and seminars to keep up with fire service technology and programs.

Zinther implemented an in-house associate degree program at the Fire Department with the College of DuPage. This program recognizes the special needs of firefighters and their unique schedules, and is open to personnel from other Division 10 departments.

The Westmont Fire Department recently recognized Dave Zinther as the Division 10 Training Officer/Instructor of the Year. The Village congratulates Dave for this honor and thanks him for his dedication to the community.

IDOT Honors Officers

At a recent Village Board meeting, representatives of the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Illinois State Police presented Westmont Police Officers with the IDOT Achievement Award.

The officers received the honor in recognition of their effort contributing to highway traffic safety by having made a significant amount of DUI arrests since Jan. 1, 2001. Their efforts in this critical area of concern serves as an example and inspiration to others in the law enforcement community. Officers Scott Opelt and Anthony Rainaldi are not pictured, but also received awards. Officer Michael Kurzeja was also recognized for arresting three DUI offenders during one shift.



L-R: IDOT's Dwight Lockwood, Officer Taso Malamis, Detective James Schlicher, Officers David Newton, Michael Kurzeja, Timothy Radtke, and the Master Sergeant of the Illinois State Police.

Chamber Celebrates 30 Years

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the Westmont Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber was incorporated on Sept. 5, 1974 and began with only 19 members. Today the Chamber is over 280 members strong and growing each day.

The Chamber is a volunteer organization of business and professional people dedicated to improving the economic environment of Westmont. It is a non-profit organization that helps grow our community through education, community programs and support of our local businesses.

The Chamber is busy throughout the year with many activities including the Chamber Scholarship Program, participation in many special events, coordination of the New Neighbor Program which welcomes new homeowners to Westmont, as well as monthly business events such as open houses and after-hours programs.

If you have any questions or would like to become a member of the Westmont Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau, please call (630) 960-5553, or visit their office at Westmont Centre, One South Cass Avenue during business hours.

45 Years of Service for Park Dist.

The Westmont Park District is celebrating 45 years of service to the community in 2004.

Beginning in 1959, the Westmont Park District mainly provided programming that originated through the local schools. With no facilities, the Park Board met in the old Westmont Library, 55 E. Richmond, which has since been purchased by the WPD and is used for their Administrative Offices and Senior Center. In the early 70's, the community passed a referendum that allowed the WPD to hire their first full-time director as well as construct their first facility, the Park District Community Center at 75 E. Richmond. Joe Schultz served as director for six years. Ron Gunter was then hired as Director and has now served the community for 27 years. In 1975, the WPD had only six full-time employees. Today, they have 19 full-time employees, more than 30 regular part-time employees, and over 100 seasonal employees.

The Village congratulates the Westmont Park District for 45 Years of excellent service to the community.

Special Events Corp. to Host Taste of Westmont

Earlier this year, the Westmont Village Board authorized the creation of the Westmont Special Events Corporation (WSEC). The new organization was developed to assist with various community events. Initially, the WSEC will take on the coordination of the annual Taste of Westmont summer festival.

"When Westmont Main Street announced that they would not be continuing with the coordination of various community events in which they had been involved, the Village Board began talking to residents and volunteers to see who might be interested in working on these projects," says Larry McIntyre, WSEC President. "Nobody wanted to see events like the Taste of Westmont end, so many people stepped forward and offered to help. The Chamber has offered to coordinate the Trick or Treat Trail, a group of volunteers is working to continue Cruisin' Nights, and the WSEC will be hosting the Taste. Westmont has great volunteers!"

This year the WSEC plans to focus on the Taste of Westmont, but in the future, depending on time availability and resources, the organization may assist with other events. Among other projects being discussed, the WSEC is working with the Westmont Area Friends of the Arts (WAFOTA) organization regarding a late summer art fair that would be held in the downtown commuter plaza.

Taste Planning Begins

Planning for the 2004 Taste is underway. If you are interested in being a food or commercial vendor, please contact the WSEC right away. If you were in last year's event and want to ensure your participation in this year's Taste, all appropriate paperwork and fees must be submitted by Monday, April 5, 2004.

Taste Teen Committee

The WSEC has initiated a Teen Committee to assist in the planning of the 2004 Taste of Westmont. If you are a teen and would like to help out, give us a call.

If you have any questions regarding the Westmont Special Events Corporation or the Taste of Westmont, or if you would like to assist in the planning of the Taste, please contact the WSEC at specialevents@westmont.il.gov or (630) 829-WEST. We look forward to hearing from you!

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As the new IPBC Chair, Owens will lead IPBC meetings and coordinate communication between the members of the cooperative as well as work with consultants, legal services, and accounting and auditing firms. The term will continue through the end of 2005. In addition to being the IPBC Chair, Owens serves as Westmont's lead delegate on the cooperative and votes on behalf of the Village regarding various insurance issues.

(PARK BOARD continued)

"We have one of the most experienced Park Board's in the State," says Park District Director Ron Gunter. "They are focused on one thing - providing the best park district services to the taxpayers." Gunter adds that Westmont is fortunate to have a positive working relationship between the Village Board and the Park Board. "We're very fortunate that the entire community works together to provide services for the community."

Park Board Meetings on Cable Ch. 16

Beginning in January, the Westmont Park District began videotaping and playing back their monthly board meetings on cable channel 16. The Village of Westmont and Park District have worked cooperatively to provide this arrangement so to better communicate with residents. Park Board meetings do not air live, but begin playback one week after they are recorded. Park Board meetings are aired on cable ch. 16 on Thursdays at Noon, 6 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Chamber Plans Concert Fundraiser with The Ides on April 24

The Westmont Chamber of Commerce has planned a concert fundraiser with the Ides of March for Saturday, April 24. Money earned at the event will go towards the Chamber's Scholarship Programs. The concert will be held at the Westmont High School, 909 N. Oakwood Drive. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Chamber at (630) 960-5553.

Aerobics Master Class Held at Health Core

The Westmont Park District's Health Core recently hosted its annual Aerobics Master Class. The 3-hour aerobics challenge featured all of the Park District's aerobics and yoga instructors. The event was videotaped and will be included in a Health Core TV program that will air on Cable Ch. 16. For a complete aerobic's program schedule, or to learn more about the club's amenities, contact the Health Core at (630) 789-CORE.



Skate Park Plans for Grand Opening



Skate Shack's, Jim Koudelich, Aren Kriks, Jeff Kolar, Bob Fleck, and Village Trustee Steve Fedeczko have all assisted in the planning of the new skate park.

After more than five years of preparation, the Westmont Park District is making plans to complete the Skate Park at Bellerive Park on 63rd Street. The Skate Park was originally conceived and proposed by Westmont residents. "This will be a safe place for the kids to go,"

says Patt Kolar, one of the parents who helped coordinate the effort. Kolar is appreciative of the experience she and the kids have had in planning the park. "The boys learned so much. They learned patience and how to compromise. The most important thing they learned was that it's good to give back to your community." The volunteers will proudly unveil the park at the grand opening slated for Saturday, July 3. Look for details in an upcoming Village Newsletter.

Senior Chore Days Scheduled for Spring

The DuPage Senior Citizens Council and the municipalities of Bensenville, Elmhurst, Lisle, Lombard, Villa Park, Warrenville and Westmont are having their annual Community Spring Chore Days. Chore Days is a seasonal activity matching volunteers with seniors who need help cleaning their yards for the changing season. This year's event will be held during the first three weekends in May.

Due to health concerns, many seniors are unable to do the yard work they once did as proud homeowners - nor can they afford the luxury of hiring help or have family nearby to help accomplish these seasonal tasks. Community Chore Days is a cooperative, volunteer driven service designed to address these needs for qualified seniors.

"When seniors hesitate to ask for help, I remind them that they are giving volunteers the chance to experience the sense of satisfaction that comes from helping others," says Hina Patel, Coordinator of Home Maintenance at the Council.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

"Chore Days provides an ideal opportunity for families, friends, and groups to work together to help senior citizens in the community," says Patel. "Even young children can participate with adult supervision."

Volunteers can help seniors in any of the participating communities and coordinate a date and time with the senior that is mutually convenient.

Volunteers are sought to team up for outdoor fun while helping their senior neighbors prepare their yards for the upcoming season. Typical tasks include raking, trimming bushes, and general yard work. Individuals, families, scout troops, school clubs, church groups, civic groups, social clubs, businesses, etc. are all welcome to volunteer and participate in this extraordinary event.

For more information and specific dates for the Spring Chore Days event, call Hina Patel at the DuPage Senior Citizens Council at (630) 620-0804.

Volunteers Make A Difference For Our Seniors!

EIC Announces New Westmont Environmental Scholarship/Internship

Each year, the Westmont Environmental Improvement Commission awards up to \$2500 in scholarship money to Westmont residents who need funding for higher education. Beginning in 2004, the WEIC will award this scholarship money through acceptance into and participation with a summer internship program.

Following are the requirements for applying and participating in the WEIC scholarship/internship:

- **Must be a Village of Westmont resident.**
- **Must be attending a higher education or vocational instruction institution within the next year.**
- **Must fill out a formal application including the completion of an essay regarding the importance of an environmentally conscious lifestyle.**
- **Must be able to participate in the WEIC summer internship.**
- **Scholarship/Internship finalists will be interviewed before a final selection is made.**

The WEIC summer internship will consist of working directly with Village Staff for a total of 40 hours to be scheduled between the dates of June 1 and August 15. (The 40-hour time commitment schedule will be flexible so to not interfere with other employment opportunities.)

"This new scholarship/internship program will allow students to earn money towards their education," says Program Coordinator Larry McIntyre, "as well as gain valuable professional skills. We see this program as an excellent opportunity for young people to learn about environmental issues while they build their resumes."

Up to two scholarships in the amount of \$1250 each may be awarded. An emphasis will be made to award scholarships to people who are pursuing environmental-related fields, have a desire to play an active role in educating the public regarding environmental concerns, and/or have the desire to participate in the summer internship program.

Scholarship-internship applications will be available after Jan. 1, 2004. For further information, contact Internship Coordinator Larry McIntyre at (630) 960-4710, or email at LMCINTYRE@westmont.il.us.

Scholarship Opportunities in the Village of Westmont

There are several organizations that sponsor scholarships for local students. Following are a few of the scholarships that are available and participation guidelines.

CHAMBER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Westmont Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau offers two scholarships annually. The first is the Mayor Edwin V. Burke Scholarship Program in honor of the 23 year resident of Westmont who devoted much of his life to public service. The second is the 2004 Chamber Scholarship, which is sponsored in cooperation with the Westmont American Legion Post #338. Each scholarship awards \$1,000.00 scholarship to a single student. Scholarship applications and criteria can be obtained from the Chamber Office at Westmont Centre, One South Cass Avenue. Applications must be returned by April 9. **For more information, contact the Chamber at (630) 960-5553.**

FOP SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, the Westmont FOP Lodge 63 sponsors a scholarship program for students who reside in the Village of Westmont corporate limits. Applications are available at area High Schools. This year, three \$1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded. Applications are due at the Police Department, 500 N. Cass Avenue by 5 p.m. on April 9. **For more information, contact FOP President Paul Bartuch at westmontfop63@sbcglobal.net or (630) 968-2151.**

ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

The Westmont Rotary Club offers two scholarship programs. The first is an Academic Scholarship Program. Last year, this program awarded over \$3000 to five students. The second is a Vocational Scholarship Program. This program awarded \$750 to two students in 2003. Applications are due April 9. **For more info, contact Ron Gunter at (630) 969-8080 or at rgunter@wpd4fun.org.**

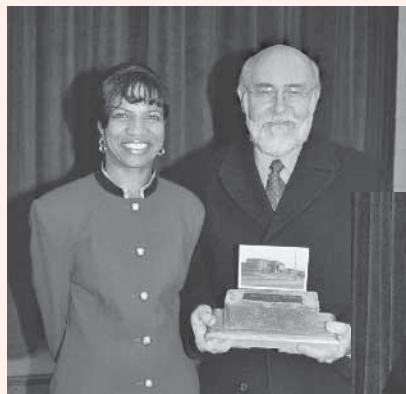
LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Westmont Lions are offering two Community Involvement Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each. Applications are due April 9. **For more info, contact Ron Gunter at (630) 969-8080 or at rgunter@wpd4fun.org.**

Information for all of these scholarship programs are available with your school counselor.

Community School Page

In an effort to work with our area schools in the promotion of their activities, the Village of Westmont has initiated this Community School Page in the Village Newsletter. If you are aware of a school activity or the success of a student who lives in the Village of Westmont, please contact media@westmont.il.gov or call (630) 960-4710 to submit material for our consideration. We look forward to working with our local schools.



Maercker School Makes History with Open House

The new Maercker School was recently unveiled to the public during their open house in February. Hundreds of people, including students from the past and present, attended the event. The ceremony featured State Senator Kirk Dillard and State Rep. Patti Bellock, who helped secure millions of State grant dollars for the project. An historic brick from the old Maercker School was presented by Principal Lynda Taylor to Mayor Bill Rahn. Taylor and Maercker Superintendent Dr. Joseph Matula also recognized the many school board members from the past and present who helped to make this project possible. Congratulations to the Maercker School District! Our new facility will serve the community well for many generations!

*TOP-BOTTOM:
Principal Taylor and
Mayor Rahn; Rep.
Bellock and Sen.
Dillard, Westview Hills
Middle School Band,
Fred Mundinger &
Marytherese Marosits;
past and present
Maercker School
Board members.*

District 201 Goal Setting

Each year, Supt. Dr. Nick Wahl (pictured right) and the Board of Education seeks input from the school community in setting annual goals. Parent, student, and teacher representatives from each Dist. 201 school meet with Supt. Wahl to provide input regarding goals that will be considered by the School Board. A similar process is used to engage the District administrative team concerning potential goals for D201. The School Board and Supt. Wahl reflects and evaluates the input to determine annual goals. A summarization of this process is then published in the annual District Goals Booklet. A copy of this booklet can be obtained by contacting the District 201 Administrative Offices at (630) 468-8000. More information regarding School District 201 can be found on their website at www.westmont.dupage.k12.il.us.



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Placing Holds & Renewals Online

Patrons can place holds and renew materials on-line. This feature is available through the library's website at www.westmontlibrary.org, Library Catalog or at any Library Catalog workstation in the library. Make sure you have your library card and pin number available. If you do not have a pin number, the program will prompt you. If you forget your pin number, call the library at (630) 969-5625 x: 10 to have the old pin number cancelled. If you can't find a title in the library catalog, contact a staff member who will try to borrow a copy from elsewhere in the state or country. Detailed instructions are available on our website or pick up an instructional bookmark at the library.

Homebound Service

For persons who are homebound, the Westmont Public Library will deliver library materials right to your door! We also pick up borrowed materials at your home and return them to the library - all for no charge. The entire library collection, including books (regular & large print & paperbacks), books on CD or tape, music CDs, videos & DVDs, magazines, children's books, CDs and videos, is available to homebound patrons. Reference and Readers Services are also just a phone call away. If you are interested in utilizing this service, or if you can help staff this program as a volunteer, call the library at (630) 969-5625.

Book Talkers

First Tuesday of every month from 2-3 p.m. Book Talkers is a program for people who like to share books they have read. Attendees are encouraged to bring favorites titles and authors to share with the group.

Drop In Storytimes thru May 13

Stop by and enjoy a story at the Westmont Public Library. Listening to stories is one of the best ways to foster a life-long love for reading and learning. Storytime is held on Wednesdays, 10:30-11 a.m. and Thursdays, 1-1:30 p.m.

School's Out Movies

Are you looking for something to do on your no school day? Stop by the Library, check out a book, and maybe take in a movie. The Friends of the Library sponsors School's Out Movies. Movies will be shown at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on March 29, 30 & 31, and April 1, 2, 8 & 9. For movie titles, check out the Library website at www.westmontlibrary.org.

Fourth Monday Book Discussion Group

March 22, 7-8:30 p.m.

Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America by Erik Larson
A compelling account of the Chicago World's Fair of 1893 brings together the divergent stories of two very different men who played a key role in shaping the history of the event—visionary architect Daniel H. Burnham, who coordinated its construction, and Dr. Henry H. Holmes, an insatiable and charming serial killer who lured women to their deaths.

Advance Internet Searching

March 30, 7-8 p.m.

Learn the basics, including printing and searching the web. Intended for adult learners with some computer experience.

Coming in May: Model Making & Final Exams

Westmont Public Library

**428 N. Cass
Westmont, IL 60559**
Phone: (630) 969-5625
Fax: (630) 969-6490

E-mail Address:
westmontlibrary@westmontlibrary.org

Check Out The Westmont Library Website
www.westmontlibrary.org

HOURS	
Monday - Thursday	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday - Saturday	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday	Closed



***Think Global!
Act Local!***

DuPage County Department of Environmental Concerns

DEC Publishes New Recycling Guide

DuPage County recently published their 2004-2005 Recycling Guide. "It's a comprehensive recycling and waste disposal resource guide," says Teresa Roberts, Waste Reduction Coordinator. "The guide lists a variety of options and programs for residents regarding the management of hazardous and other types of waste in a safe manner." The guide promotes ways in which residents can safely dispose of automotive products, large appliances, propane tanks, batteries, and more.

A PDF copy of the guide is available for viewing and printing from the DuPage County Website at www.dupageco.org/dec. The DuPage County Department of Environmental Concerns recommends that citizens bookmark this website to use it for an on-going environmental reference.

Hazardous Household Waste Event Scheduled April 21 at COD

The next Hazardous Household Waste Program will be held at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn on April 21, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. The County schedules and coordinates these events so that citizens can safely dispose of unwanted household items that may have environmentally unsafe components. For a complete listing of acceptable materials, visit the County Website at www.dupageco.org/dec, and click on the **Waste & Recycling** link.

For further information regarding the Department of Environmental Concerns, contact Teresa Roberts, Waste Reduction Coordinator, at (630) 682-6944 or email at troberts@dupageco.org.

TIPS FROM VILLAGE ARBORIST JON YEATER

The Myth of Tree Wound Dressings

From the glossary on Regenes.net, tree wound dressing, paint or tar is defined as "A petroleum-based product used to cover freshly cut wood to inhibit decay or insect infestation." It was common practice in the tree industry for many years to use tree wound dressing for all pruning cuts made on a tree. Research now shows that tree wound dressing actually causes more harm than good. Many people still use wound dressing on their trees. Though people trying to sell various products promote the tree wound dressings, experts agree that this is poor practice. Scientific research shows that applying wound dressing keeps the wood beneath the wound from drying, and actually promotes the development of decay and rot in the tree. The sap that flows from a pruning wound is not injurious to the tree; using a wound dressing to stop such flow serves no useful function.

It is important to understand that trees do not heal. Instead, they isolate damage through the formation of lignified wood that physically and chemically repels invasion. Callus develops at the edge of the wound and gradually expands toward the center. This wound wood remains for the life of the tree; bark does not regenerate itself the same way our skin does. The amount of time a wound takes to completely close hastens with the application of proper pruning methods. Plants have natural resistance mechanisms to fight insect attack or disease. Covering wounds with a sealant inhibits these natural mechanisms. A few facts are important to remember.

Wound dressings do:

- Seal in moisture and promote decay and wood rot
- Sometimes serve as a food source for pathogens
- Prevent wound wood from forming
- Inhibit compartmentalization (the closure of wounds)
- Eventually crack, exposing the tree to pathogens

Wound dressings do not:

- Prevent entrance of decay organisms
- Stop rot

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for future topics, please e-mail Jon Yeater at jyeater@westmont.il.gov.

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Following is a schedule of upcoming Village of Westmont meetings and special events. A complete listing of all meetings and events for the entire year can be found in the 2004 Village Calendar and Information Directory, which can be picked up at the Westmont Village Hall, 31 W. Quincy Street.

Environmental Improvement Commission	School Dist. 201	<i>Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet</i>	<i>Jr. Police Academy</i>		
21	22	23	24	25	26
				March	
April			Village Board Committee of the Whole		<i>Park District's Easter Egg Hunt Veterans Memorial Park</i>
			1	2	3
<i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i> <i>Brush Pickup This Week - SW Section Put Out Brush Sunday PM</i>	Village Board Admin/Finance Committee	Maercker Dist. 60 Policy & Planning	Economic Development Committee	Park Board	GOOD FRIDAY Village Offices Closed
4	5	6	7	8	9
EASTER <i>Brush Pickup This Week - SE Section Put Out Brush Sunday PM</i>		School Dist. 201 Committee of the Whole Police Pension Board Library Board	Planning & Zoning Commission	TAX DAY Village Board Committee of the Whole Promote Westmont Commission	
11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22
<i>Brush Pickup This Week - NE Section Put Out Brush Sunday PM</i>	Village Board Public Safety Committee	Maercker Dist. 60 Fire/Police Commission			<i>Chamber's Ides of March Concert</i> <i>Park District's Road Rally</i>
23	24				
<i>Brush Pickup This Week - NW Section Put Out Brush Sunday PM</i>	Environmental Improvement Commission	School Dist. 201	Chamber of Commerce	Village Board Committee of the Whole	
25	26	27	28	29	30

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